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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Christine Sherwood
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Applicant : Wilfried Matthis, et al. Confirmation No. 2568
Application No. : 10/726,177
Filed : December 1, 2003
Title : ELEMENT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT
CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD

Grp./Div. : 3733
Examiner : Annette R. Reimers

Docket No. : 56524/B884

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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March 20, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated October 19, 2005 for two month(s) from January 19, 2006 to March 19, 2006 (weekend).

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60	\$ 120	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 225	\$ 450	\$450
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 510	\$ 1020	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 795	\$1590	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1080	\$2160	\$

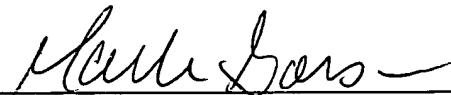
Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 450 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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